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CUSTOMS DISTRICT BY CONTINENT

COVERAGE

This report presents United States Customs district by continent statistics on United States airborne export and import shipments made in foreign trade.

Exports

These statistics represent exports of domestic and foreign merchandise combined and include government as well as nongovernment shipments of merchandise by air from the United States to foreign countries. The statistics, therefore, include Department of Defense Military Assistance Program-Grant Aid shipments, Mutual Security Program economic assistance shipments, and shipments of agricultural commodities under P. L. 480 (The Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954, as amended) and related laws. Shipments to United States armed forces and diplomatic missions abroad for their own use are not included in the export statistics. United States trade with Puerto Rico and United States possessions and trade between United States possessions are not included in this report, but exports from Puerto Rico to foreign countries are included as a part of the United States export statistics. Merchandise shipped through the United States in transit from one foreign country to another, when documented as such through United States Customs, is excluded. (Foreign merchandise which has entered the United States as an import and is subsequently re-exported is not treated as in-transit merchandise, and is included in this report.) The figures in this report exclude exports of household and personal effects, shipments by mail and parcel post and shipments of airplanes under their own power.

The airborne export statistics reflect fully compiled data for shipments valued $500 and over combined with estimated data for shipments individually valued $100-$499 based on a 10 percent sample of such shipments to Canada and a 50 percent sample of such shipments to other countries. In addition to these data, estimated data for shipments valued under $100 based on a 10 percent sample of such shipments are also included in the figures shown in the "Total" columns in Table 1. These estimates for shipments valued under $100 are not included in the other figures in the table.

Since the export figures shown include estimates based on a sample of low valued shipments, they are subject to some degree of sampling variability. Over two-thirds of the value totals of $20,000 or more shown in the airborne export table are subject to a sampling variability of less than 5 percent. A rough guide to the general level of sampling variability (on a two chances out of three basis) of value totals shown is given below. Usually the higher value figures will have the lower percent sampling errors. Detailed information on the sampling variability of individual figures is available upon request.

Value totals of:	Are likely to have sampling variability of:
$500,000 and over	Less than 2%
$20,000-$500,000, continents of South America, Europe, Asia, Australia and Oceania, Africa	Less than 10%. Over 90% of the value totals have less than 5%
$20,000-$500,000, Total and North America	Less than 20%. About 80% of the value totals have less than 15%
Under $20,000, continents of South America, Europe, Asia, Australia and Oceania, Africa	Generally $1000 to $2000
Under $20,000, Total and North America	Generally $3000 to $6000
Cells of $0	Generally less than $500

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The sampling variability, in percentage terms, of shipping weight figures can be approximated by the percent sampling variability of value.

Imports

These statistics represent general imports which are a combination of imports for immediate consumption and entries into bonded warehouses. The statistics include government as well as nongovernment shipments of merchandise by air from foreign countries to the United States. However, American goods returned by the United States armed forces for their own use are excluded. United States trade with Puerto Rico and with United States possessions and trade between United States possessions are not included in this report but imports into Puerto Rico from foreign countries are considered to be United States imports and are included. Merchandise shipped through the United States in transit from one foreign country to another, when documented as such through United States Customs, is not reported as imports and is excluded from the data shown in this report. (Foreign merchandise which has entered the United States as an import and is subsequently re-exported is not treated as in-transit merchandise, and is included in this report.) Imports of household and personal effects, imports by mail and parcel post, and imports of airplanes under their own power are not included.

The airborne general import statistics reflect fully compiled data for formal entry shipments valued at $100 and over combined with estimated data for shipments reported on informal entries valued at $250 or less based upon a 10 percent sample of such shipments. These combined data are shown in the "Total" column for the value data in Table 2 of this report. The continent and district by continent value totals shown in the table include data for formal entries valued at $100 and over but exclude the estimated dollar value for shipments reported on informal entries valued $250 or less.

The shipping weight information excludes shipping weight data for informal entries since this information is not required to be shown on such entries. Some rough indication as to the volume of shipping weight represented by informal entries may be obtained by reference to the air export statistics where low valued shipments (under $100) are approximately 2 to 3 percent of the air export value and from 10 to 12 percent of the air export shipping weight. Import shipments by air reported on formal entries valued at less than $100 are entirely excluded from the air import statistics. These under $100 formal import shipments amount to less than 1 percent of the total air import value and shipping weight.

As noted above, the value figures for total air imports by Customs district include estimates of informal entries ($250 or less) based on a 10 percent sample of such entries. They are, therefore, subject to sampling variability. In general, the higher value figures will have the lower percent sampling errors. The following table gives a rough guide to the sampling variability of Customs district totals. More detailed information on the sampling variability of individual figures is available on request.

Value totals of:	Are likely to have sampling variability limits of:
$500,000 and over	Less than 1%
$100,000 - $500,000	1% to 5%
$20,000 - $100,000	5% to 15%
Under $20,000	$1000 to $2000

The Customs district value and shipping weight totals shown include a small amount of shipments which could not be distributed by continent.

Table 1.—SHIPPING WEIGHT AND VALUE OF UNITED STATES AIRBORNE EXPORTS OF DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN MERCHANDISE BY SELECTED CUSTOMS DISTRICT OF LADING BY CONTINENT

[Only those districts are shown with imports or exports by air valued at $50,000 or more for any month during the period January-April 1962]

Customs district of lading	Shipping weight in thousands of pounds								Value in thousands of dollars							
	Total[1]		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa	Total[1]		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa
	All carriers	U.S. Flag carriers							All carriers	U.S. Flag carriers						
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)
Total, all carriers..	[2]15,551	.....	4,813	2,714	3,086	631	161	236	[2]111,804	.....	14,793	8,001	29,567	4,152	1,171	1,037
U.S. Flag carriers...	.....	[2]5,726	1,993	471	1,162	347	50	89	.....	[2]43,963	5,275	2,228	9,268	1,701	258	306
Massachusetts.....	116	85	35	...	56	1	(*)	1	765	491	161	...	555	9	4	7
Rochester.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Buffalo.....	25	16	21	...	...	...	...	...	49	45	46	...	...	...	...	...
New York.....	5,181	1,933	942	411	2,613	290	57	204	37,447	11,987	5,532	2,369	25,174	1,940	527	814
Philadelphia.....	20	19	1	6	9	1	...	...	88	60	10	4	69	3	...	...
Maryland.....	46	43	1	(*)	22	14	(*)	4	34	18	3	1	22	6	(*)	1
Virginia.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Florida.....	4,947	1,462	2,229	2,232	2	3	(*)	4	9,522	2,732	3,722	5,316	8	43	(*)	3
New Orleans.....	370	72	296	26	(*)	...	...	...	765	192	637	72	1	...	...	...
Galveston.....	294	157	205	16	22	14	(*)	15	1,000	559	476	79	214	60	1	138
Laredo.....	87	51	82	(*)	...	...	...	...	293	167	285	2	...	...	...	...
Los Angeles.....	274	92	62	10	95	36	26	2	2,675	722	292	67	1,588	451	180	18
San Francisco.....	368	198	6	4	28	208	74	(*)	2,513	993	28	35	497	1,430	442	3
Washington.....	98	70	62	1	1	(*)	...	...	346	218	294	4	2	1	...	...
Alaska.....	13	13	4	...	...	6	...	...	58	57	7	...	...	45	...	...
Hawaii.....	26	22	1	...	4	14	3	(*)	95	42	5	...	44	30	9	2
Montana and Idaho.....	12	12	10	...	...	...	...	...	122	122	117	...	...	...	...	...
Dakota.....	49	49	29	...	...	...	...	...	174	174	146	...	...	...	...	...
Minnesota.....	18	18	17	...	...	...	...	...	26	26	25	...	...	...	...	...
Michigan.....	76	56	15	...	45	(*)	(*)	(*)	226	151	23	...	189	1	1	2
Chicago.....	808	205	432	...	183	42	1	6	3,856	818	2,309	...	1,162	134	5	41
Ohio.....	201	1	135	...	1	...	...	...	561	3	457	...	11	...	...	...
Puerto Rico.....	257	166	212	6	(*)	...	...	...	232	149	171	34	1	...	...	...
All other Customs Districts.....	26	11	16	3	3	...	...	(*)	112	78	49	19	31	...	...	7
Special Category[3].....	2,239	974	...	...	...	...	...	...	50,846	24,159	...	...	...	...	...	...

*Less than 500 pounds or $500.

[1] Includes estimated shipments valued under $100 which are excluded from the continent totals.

[2] Includes shipments of "special category" commodities and estimated shipments valued under $100 which are excluded from the continent totals.

[3] Represents shipments of "special category" commodities. For a list of the "special category" commodities see the January 1961 edition of Report FT 410.

Table 2.—SHIPPING WEIGHT AND VALUE OF UNITED STATES AIRBORNE GENERAL IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE BY SELECTED CUSTOMS DISTRICT OF UNLADING BY CONTINENT

[Only those districts are shown with imports or exports by air valued at $50,000 or more for any month during the period January-April 1962]

Customs district of unlading	Shipping weight in thousands of pounds[1]								Value in thousands of dollars							
	Total[2]		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa	Total[2,3]		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa
	All carriers	U.S. Flag carriers							All carriers	U.S. Flag carriers						
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)
Total, all carriers..	8,028	.....	2,858	721	3,742	622	51	34	62,406	.....	7,216	1,450	44,757	4,931	151	2,145
U.S. Flag carriers...	.....	2,844	1,037	79	1,401	305	2	20	.....	26,888	1,928	697	20,503	3,304	14	442
Massachusetts.....	56	29	2	...	49	5	...	...	377	187	31	...	300	6	...	...
Rochester.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Buffalo.....	7	6	6	...	(*)	...	...	...	349	243	335	...	(*)	...	...	...
New York.....	3,773	1,366	149	33	3,337	194	30	30	48,337	20,264	2,088	605	41,285	1,354	114	2,101
Philadelphia.....	58	2	(*)	...	58	...	...	...	525	453	1	...	486	...	...	...
Maryland.....	13	1	(*)	...	12	(*)	...	(*)	208	18	5	...	179	(*)	...	2
Virginia.....	(*)	(*)	...	(*)	...	...	...	...	7	5	...	5	...	...	...	...
Florida.....	2,256	601	1,573	674	4	4	...	...	2,168	932	1,264	799	22	21	...	...
New Orleans.....	125	49	97	(*)	(*)	27	...	...	100	52	42	(*)	1	34	...	...
Galveston.....	192	75	149	(*)	7	36	(*)	(*)	187	59	85	7	38	13	(*)	4
Laredo.....	207	117	207	(*)	...	...	...	...	172	112	148	(*)	...	...	...	...
Los Angeles.....	167	69	14	1	73	78	1	(*)	1,845	685	313	2	859	464	10	16
San Francisco.....	141	103	2	(*)	23	111	3	2	1,149	779	91	1	224	699	15	7
Washington.....	144	104	6	...	3	135	...	...	2,208	1,862	134	...	15	1,997	...	...
Alaska.....	16	16	...	...	(*)	16	...	...	175	170	...	...	1	171	...	...
Hawaii.....	12	5	1	...	1	10	(*)	...	138	56	2	...	2	112	1	...
Montana and Idaho.....	4	4	4	...	(*)	...	...	...	34	31	31	...	1	...	...	...
Dakota.....	(*)	...	(*)	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
Minnesota.....	(*)	(*)	(*)	...	...	(*)	...	...	5	1	(*)	...	...	1	...	...
Michigan.....	23	21	1	...	21	2	...	(*)	189	136	14	...	136	12	...	4
Chicago.....	210	67	63	...	144	3	...	(*)	3,484	658	2,310	...	1,016	42	...	8
Ohio.....	15	(*)	8	...	7	...	...	...	261	4	73	...	152	...	...	...
Puerto Rico.....	587	205	572	13	2	(*)	...	...	311	140	243	30	10	1	...	...
All other Customs Districts.....	22	4	3	...	1	(*)	18	(*)	166	42	6	...	30	4	11	2

*Less than 500 pounds or $500.

[1] Excludes shipping weight data, which are not available, for informal entries.

[2] Includes a small amount of shipments which are unidentified by continent.

[3] Includes estimated value of informal entries which are excluded from the continent totals and the totals for U.S. Flag carriers.

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